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WILL HOLD IT

Great Britain and Germany to Continue Venezuelan Blockade.

DISPUTE PROPOSALS

Panic in Caracas Over a Run On a Bank.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Great Britain and Germany came to an understanding four days ago to enforce the blockade of the Venezuelan coast precisely as though the negotiations for arbitration were not going on.

It was doubtless in consequence of this understanding that the vessels at Porto Cabello were taken, though officials are yet without advice that the vessels were taken or marines landed.

Caracas Has a Panic.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 5.—There was financial panic at Caracas Saturday afternoon. A large number of small traders and private depositors went together to the office of the Bank of Venezuela for the purpose of exchanging the bank's notes for silver. The bank refused to exchange more than \$20 worth of notes for any one person, and at 4 p. m. closed its doors. The panic continued. Bills issued by the bank are now selling for 80 per cent. of their face value. The leading firms at Caracas, notwithstanding the present situation, have presented no notes for redemption, as they are all interested in supporting the bank.

They Discuss the Monroe Doctrine.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Several newspapers here in their yearly political reviews devote much attention to Venezuela and the Monroe doctrine. The Vossische Zeitung, Independent Liberal, regards Germany's proceedings against Venezuela entirely within the limits of international law. "Whoever has a claim against another," says this journal, "tries to collect it, whether they be private individuals or nations. If anybody disputes our right to compel payment of the Venezuelan claims, we must ask that person if he is willing to pay the debt himself, or give guarantees therefor."

Could Settle It if We Would. "If so, the matter speedily could be settled; but if this other person is unwilling to give such guarantees his objections do not concern us. The United States could settle the trouble between Germany and Venezuela in a moment if it would stand good for the payment of our claims, but the United States is unwilling to take this step and we cannot demand that it do so. In this case the United States should not hinder Germany from pursuing the course that is deemed expedient."

Germany Lands Some Marines.

LaGuayra, Jan. 5.—The Germans suddenly landed a force of marines at Porto Cabello Saturday morning and took possession of the custom house and wharves. The excitement of the inhabitants was intense, and they prepared to defend the rest of the town. Streets already had been barricaded when it was announced that the landing of the Germans was only a movement taken in order to clear the port of small craft and render the blockade more effective. This had a calming effect on the people.

LEVY OF SUGAR DUTY

UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT
Washington, Jan. 5.—In an opinion handed down by Justice Brown today the supreme court decides that money paid by the Russian government on sugar exported is bounty, and that the New York collector of customs was justified in levying a countervailing duty on the Russian sugar under the terms of the Dingley law.

Political War in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—Formal notices of contest have been filed with the secretary of state against every Democratic member of the house and senate of the fourteenth general assembly whose seat had not previously been contested. In each case the allegations are of fraud and intimidation at the polls, etc. This move is made to checkmate the contests filed by the Democrats against all the Republican senators.

Shipbuilding in the United States.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The commissioner of navigation reports 627 sail and steam vessels, of 171,599 gross tons, built in the United States and officially numbered during the six months ended Dec. 31, 1902. During the corresponding six months ended Dec. 31, 1901, 717 sail and steam vessels of 154,473 gross tons were built. Of the tonnage for the last half of the year 47,874 tons were built on the great lakes.

CHANGES MADE IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Dr. David Jayne Hill Goes to Switzerland—Loomis to Succeed Him.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, first assistant secretary of state, will relinquish that post this month to become minister to Switzerland. He will be succeeded by Francis B. Loomis, present minister to Portugal. Loomis will be succeeded at Lisbon by Charles Page Bryan, who has been confirmed as minister to Switzerland, but who has never assumed that post.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 5.—R. M. La Follette was inaugurated for the second term as governor of Wisconsin today.

CONGRESS REASSEMBLES AFTER HOLIDAY RECESS

Washington, Jan. 5.—Congress assembled at noon today after the holiday recess. There was a very small attendance in the house. In the senate a concurrent resolution was adopted providing for preparation under the district attorney general of a compilation of all laws enacted by the various states relating to trusts or combinations in restraint of trade.

Senator Mason introduced a bill for the temporary operation of coal mines. It provides that whenever a coal mine continues to be unoperated to the prejudice of the rights of the people the attorney general shall apply to the federal judge for a receiver of the mine.

APPEARS SMOOTH AND HONEST

But Has the Nerve to Run Away with Another Man's Wife, Although Himself Married.

Hillsdale, Mich., Jan. 5.—A telegram from Kansas City says that Elgie B. Stevens and Mrs. Frances Wilson have been arrested there for Michigan officers. Frances C. Paye was married last February to Edward C. Wilson, a hawker in Will Boyds' "Last Chance" saloon here. She is 20 years of age and good looking. Dec. 13 she left the city, taking with her an amount of money variously estimated at from \$40 to \$200. Wilson has sworn out a warrant for her arrest. It is said the money is hers, though Wilson gave it to her.

Elgie B. Stevens has for a couple of months been selling phonograph machines for S. B. Arnold, of this city. He has a wife and two children in Albion, 3 and 6 years old. His wife has been writing for him to send her trunk to her at Albion, but is held by his landlady. He has lived in Albion and the formerly had a store at Kansas City. He is a man of smooth, honest appearance.

Two Men Killed in Collision.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 5.—A collision occurred on the Grand Trunk, at the west end of Merritton tunnel, between the Chicago express eastbound and a light engine going west. As a result Fireman C. Waring, of London, and Abraham Desautel, are dead, and Engineers David Duke and Thomas Bucklitt, of London, are in the hospital, but not seriously injured.

Kisses—High, with a Downward Tendency.

Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 5.—Judge G. W. Burnell in circuit court cut down the price of kisses fixed recently by a Winnebago jury. Ida Zachers, a domestic, formerly employed in the household of Miner H. Ballou, a wealthy mill owner of Neenah, was some days ago given a verdict of \$500 for three kisses forcibly snatched from her by Ballou. Judge Burnell cut down the amount to \$300, and judgment for that sum was entered.

Fatal Wreck in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 5.—Passenger train No. 37 on the Southern railway, bound from Atlanta to Birmingham, was derailed about 10:30 p. m. Saturday near "Woens" station, about fifteen miles from this city. The baggage and mail cars were completely wrecked and were thrown down an embankment. Although the train was filled with passengers Engineer White was the only person killed. Twenty-eight passengers were injured, the injuries ranging from a fractured limb (one case) to a bruise. None was seriously hurt.

Help Up a Lone Thug.

Calistoga, Cal., Jan. 5.—A lone highwayman held up the Calistoga and Clear Lake stage on Mount St. Helena Saturday. The express box was taken and the passengers were relieved of a few dollars. The holdup took place at Dusy Bend, where many former holdups have occurred. The six-horse stage was driven by William Connor. It is thought the express box contained considerable treasure.

Mrs. Tingley's Defense.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 5.—In the Tingley trial the defense called Mrs. Tingley. Her counsel read the depositions that had been introduced by the defendants. Her defense was a general and specific denial of all the accusations brought against her.

Gold Standard for Spain.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Finance Minister Villaverde is preparing for presentation to the chamber a financial scheme providing for the free coinage of gold and the absolute prohibition of the coinage of silver.

STORY OF MARKLE

Independent Operators in the Anthracite Field Present Their Side of the Dispute.

THEY CHARGE A BREACH OF FAITH

Miners Violating an Agreement to Arbitrate—Reply to Accusations Against Them.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 5.—The answer of G. B. Markle & Co., independent coal operators, to the demands of the miners' strike commission today. The answer will be submitted to the anthracite strike commission today. It was written by John Markle, managing partner of the firm. The statement is in part as follows: "The present firm was formed on Dec. 30, 1889, for the purpose of mining coal. * * * The firm employs about 2,400 men, and many of its employees reside in the villages of Freeland, about two miles distant, and Hazleton, about seven miles distant from Jeddo, where the mines are situated."

Makes Some Explanations.

"The lessees erected and own all the improvements upon the property, including breakers, stores, shops and tenement houses. From the time of my first connection with the business, in 1880 there have always been a resident physician and assistant physicians upon the property until recently, with the exception of a short interval. The firm selected the head physician, who chose his assistants, and we collected 75 cents a month for the married men and 50 a month for the single men over 21, and the amount collected was paid over to the physician without charge or deduction therefor. This arrangement was not compulsory upon the men or families."

Defends the Company Store.

"Stores for the sale of general merchandise and of miners' supplies have always been maintained upon the property, and have been and are an accommodation to the men and their families. The men have never been required to deal there. By the terms of the coal leases, G. B. Markle & Co. are required to pay all the taxes upon the property. The taxes paid by the coal operators constitute the largest portion of the taxes collected in the county."

HISTORY OF THE RECENT TROUBLES

Men Strike in Violation of an Agreement—What Was Not Complained Of.

Continuing, the answer says a sliding scale basis of labor had been agreed upon in 1875, and had from that time been generally in force in the Lehigh region. In September, 1897, a committee of miners presented certain demands to the firm, but did not press them. An agreement was then in existence between the company and men to settle differences by arbitration. Work at the mines continued uninterrupted until the latter part of 1900, when John Mitchell made his headquarters at Hazleton and endeavored to organize the Markle employees.

In September, 1900, another list of grievances was furnished the firm, the company's answer including that if the men were not satisfied with the reply the officials would be willing to arbitrate. The next communication from the men demanded arbitration, but the committee selected by the employees reported that the latter had broken their agreement with the company by striking before their grievances had been submitted to arbitration.

"Between 1900 and 1902 many requests were made for the correction of alleged grievances, which were all taken up and considered and acted upon; but neither individually nor collectively, orally or in writing, did the men make any complaint in reference to the method of collecting the dues for the doctors; nor was attention called to any defect in respect to unfair treatment at the store; nor as to the size of the cars; nor as to the slope cleaning, or the docking, until April, 1902, and we had every reason to believe that, taken as a whole, the men were entirely satisfied with the conditions of their employment."

"In the course of the hearings at Scranton, complaint was made of the size of the cars, but in reality the size has not been changed, as will be proved by the testimony of the builders. Objection was also made that the full 10 per cent. advance was not given. The manner in which the advance was computed was repeatedly explained to the men, and it will be shown by the expert accountant that it was correctly calculated."

WHY MEN WERE EVICTED

With a Statement Relative to a Case That Has Caused Much Sympathy.

Referring to the eviction of certain men Markle says: "As we had not been parties to the correspondence under which the anthracite strike commission was appointed and the strike declared off we were not willing to permit our men to return to work without a distinct understanding that they would abide by the award to be made by the commission. Notice was accordingly posted that those wishing to secure employment should call at the office and should bring with them the brass checks which they had."

"When this notice was posted we

DIRE DESTITUTION FOUND IN ST. LOUIS

Husband and Child Dead and Others Starving to Death.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Sick and tossing on a miserable couch in a poverty-stricken abode, and surrounded by her five young children, the police Saturday found Mrs. Nancy McKane slowly dying from hunger. The dead bodies of her husband and 16 months old grandson lay in the same room. There was no fire and no food. One of the children lay on the couch with the suffering mother, flushed with fever.

The husband had died from consumption and the infant grandson had succumbed to insufficient nourishment. The case was so appalling in its destitution that the two officers who had accidentally discovered it provided coal and food from their own pockets and then took the opportunity to make a report for speedy charity.

STYLISH WEDDING OCCURS IN LONDON HIGH OFFICIAL LIFE

London, Jan. 5.—War Secretary Broderick and Madeleine Stanley, daughter of Lady June, were married at St. George's church this afternoon. The church was crowded with fashionable people.

INDIANOLA IS INDIGNANT

But Will Let Their Postoffice Go Forever Rather Than Submit to a Black Postmistress.

Indianola, Miss., Jan. 5.—The people of this city are much wrought up over President Roosevelt's action in ordering their office closed because the white people objected to the appointment of a negro postmistress. The order is bitterly denounced by the white citizens as a piece of "poult" politics and they say they will allow the postoffice to remain closed for all time before they will permit the administration at Washington to force a black postmaster upon them.

Every one here believes that it is a "grand stand play" on the part of the administration for negro votes in northern states. The people feel that President Roosevelt should first appoint negro federal officeholders in northern cities and towns and see how it will work before he attempts to force them on the people of Mississippi.

OLD FARMER IN TROUBLE

He Is Charged with Having a Hand in the Business of Robbing Graves with Cantrell.

Noblesville, Ind., Jan. 5.—Hampton West, aged 65 years, a farmer living south of this city, has been arrested on the charge of stealing the bodies of Ralph Brecken and Walter Manship from the Beaver cemetery, nine miles southeast of Noblesville. The warrants were sworn out by relatives of the dead men, on the strength of information received from Rufus Cantrell, the Indianapolis ghoul.

He is reported to have said that he helped West take the bodies. West is also under heavy bond to answer to two similar charges in Marion county. Sheriff Fox has in his possession warrants for the arrest of several other Hamilton county people, some of whom are prominent, on charges of robbing graves.

They were informed that some of the men objected, upon the ground that the men should be taken back in a body, and the rumor was started to the effect that they would be required to sign an ironclad agreement as a condition of going to work. Many of the notices were torn down, and pickets were stationed in the neighborhood of the office and along the lines of road to prevent the men from coming to the office, where they might have learned the truth and arranged for a resumption of work.

"Meanwhile I had been informed that the same men who had been making trouble during the strike were taking a leading part in intimidating and threatening any one coming to the office and retreating to work under the conditions specified." For these reasons Markle says he had twelve men evicted Nov. 6 last, no attempt having been made to collect the arrears of rents accruing during the strike.

The answer further states that the father of the boy Chippie was killed as a result of his own negligence. He was not indebted to the firm at the time of his death. His earnings for the previous six months from February to July, inclusive, amounted to \$350. Mrs. Chippie paid nothing on account of rent or coal.

Attached to the answer are several exhibits, one of which is a statement showing the earnings of certain contract miners during eleven and one-half months, including eleven of the highest earners and five of the lowest, the highest receiving \$4,000 and the lowest \$400.

TO SERVE DIVORCE WRIT ON CROWN PRINCESS

Dresden, Jan. 5.—The German consul at Geneva has received necessary permission to serve a writ on Crown Princess Louise in connection with the suit for divorce brought against her by the crown prince of Saxony.

LOCATE A TRUST

Missouri State Attorney Says the Big Packers Have One in That State.

THEY REGULATE THE BEEF PRICE

He Says, According to the Facts Established by the Recent Ouster Proceedings.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 5.—Special Commissioner I. H. Kinley, of Kansas City, appointed to take testimony in the ouster proceedings of Attorney General Crow on the charge of the existence of a beef trust, filed his report in the supreme court Saturday. It finds that the Armour Packing company, Nelson Morris & Co., Swift & Co., the Hammond Packing company, the Cudahy Packing company and the Schwartzchild & Sulzberger company are guilty of entering into an agreement to fix and maintain price for the sale of dressed beef and pork in Missouri. It is set forth that prices were fixed through agents, managers and solicitors, and many times by managers of coolers in these cities. The Henry Krug Packing company, of St. Joseph, was found not to have been in the combination, and consequently the report will release it from legal proceedings.

Found Them Guilty of Combination.

Regarding findings as to meat sold in St. Louis, the report says: "I find that Armour, Swift, Cudahy and the Hammond Packing company, between Aug. 21, 1899, and May 9, 1902, at St. Joseph, are guilty of having been parties to combination and agreement and confederation and conspiracy to fix and regulate and control and maintain the fixed or list price on dressed beef and fresh pork sold through their respective coolers in St. Louis to the butchers' trade and consuming public at that place, and that they did so ask, sell and receive the price so fixed from said butchers for such dressed beef and fresh pork sold to them."

Knew What Their Managers Were Doing.

"They cannot plead that the managers of their coolers and city solicitors, who carry on the business for them, did it without their knowledge and consent. The local agents of the dressed beef companies did it, and all know it, and their knowledge is the knowledge of their companies, and their acts are the acts of their companies. It appears from the evidence, and I find, that the corporations who are the defendants at St. Joseph, St. Louis and Kansas City sell and offer to the trade at each point from 55 to 80 per cent. of the dressed beef handled, and from 50 to 60 per cent. of the dressed pork."

CHINA AND THE INDEMNITY

European Governments Will Not Accept Payment on a Silver Basis—United States Will.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The state department has received confirmatory advice from Peking of the declaration of the powers to receive their second indemnity installment on the silver basis. It is not understood that the declaration was accompanied by a threat, but the action itself is regarded as sinister if, as has been suggested, it is not taken with a view of making a record of the position of the powers in this matter. The situation is regarded here as warranting some concern, though—unless the Washington government is to utterly discredit every statement of the powers in the past two years whenever the possibility of a division of China came up—it is not believed there is an intention to proceed to extremes.

It is again suggested that the time is ripe for a reference of this important issue to The Hague tribunal, a consummation devoutly wished for by China, and a cause which has commended itself to the Washington government. The United States, which is interested equally with the other powers in getting as much money as it can in the shape of indemnity, still feels bound by moral law to support the Chinese contention for the silver basis, looking not only upon the language of the protocols and the Peking treaty itself, but also having a solicitude regard for China's integrity and perpetuity as a nation.

The other powers are united in demanding a settlement on the gold basis. This is an issue which in the mind of the officials here is eminently adapted to the methods of arbitration. So far China alone has suggested a reference to The Hague tribunal, but it is possible and even probable that if the powers are going to extremes the United States government will seem bound to discharge its duty under article 27 of The Hague tribunal and point the way to arbitration.

Virginia Harned Falls Hard.

Detroit, Jan. 5.—As the result of an injury received while returning from a sleigh ride Miss Virginia Harned was compelled to cancel the performances of "Iris" scheduled for Saturday afternoon and night at the Detroit Opera House. Miss Harned slipped and fell as she was stepping from the sleigh and struck heavily on her spine. She is not seriously hurt, and her physician says he expects her to soon recover.

RECEIVER FOR ILLINOIS CONCERN

Keystone Manufacturing Company at Rock Falls in Financial Trouble.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—A receiver has been appointed for the Keystone Manufacturing company, of Rock Falls, Ill., with plants at Sterling, Ill., and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The liabilities and assets are about \$350,000.

DECEMBER WEATHER IS FAVORABLE TO CROPS

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5.—The weather during the last month was generally favorable to farm interests. Moderate temperatures prevailed over the state until the 23rd to the 24th, when a change to decidedly colder occurred. This cold period lasted until the 28th, and during its prevalence temperatures in the northern portion of the state, and it was also very cold in the southern portion, the ground being frozen for the first time during the winter in the extreme southern portion of the state on the 24th.

Precipitation was sufficient and well distributed over the northern and central districts, but in the southern district heavy, and in many localities, excessive rains occurred. Very little of the precipitation which fell in the central and southern districts was in the form of snow, and what snow fell in these sections remained on the ground but a short time. In the northern district, however, considerable snow fell during the latter half of the month, and the month closed with a fairly good snow covering in that portion of the state.

Wheat remained in a generally excellent condition throughout the month. The rains in the southern district improved the condition of the crop in that section materially, and the damage by Hessian fly over the southern portion of the state seems to have been somewhat overestimated in previous reports. Some correspondents in the central and southern districts entertain fears that the growth of the wheat is so far advanced that it is liable to injury by severe winter weather. They consider it possible that it suffered injury from the hard freeze during the latter part of the month, as there was little or no snow protection at that time. The extent of this injury, if any injury resulted, cannot at present be ascertained. In the northern district the wheat had a fair snow covering during the cold period, and as it has not so much a growth in that section, there are no fears of damage to the crop by severe cold.

The condition of rye is excellent over all the state, no damage to this crop being reported from any section. Corn husking and shredding is still in progress in many localities and a great deal of corn is still in the fields. The wet weather delayed this work in the southern portion of the state.

Pastures remained green until the 5th in the northern half of the state, and until the 24th in the southern. This had the result of saving considerable quantities of feed, some farmers in the southern district finding it unnecessary to begin feeding until the latter part of the month.

There seems to be a slight increase in the number of localities in which hog cholera has appeared, and this disease is apparent at scattered places throughout the state. Some cattle are dying in Fayette and Brown counties from a disease which the correspondents term "blackleg." As a whole, however, stock is in good, healthy condition over all the state.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES MEET

TO RAISE TRAINMEN'S WAGES

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The grievance committee representing every railroad entering in Chicago met here today and negotiations started which are expected to result in an increase in the wages of conductors and brakemen of the western roads. It is understood similar committees met in every railroad center west of Chicago.

Dowie Man Charged with Kidnaping.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—W. H. Reeves, manager of the Zion Printing and Publishing House, and E. W. Newcome were arrested Saturday charged with the kidnaping of Harry Boor, a 15-year-old boy. The warrants were procured by the boy's mother, Mrs. G. Bacanach, the complainant charging that her son was detained at the print shop against his will. The men were held on \$3,000 bonds. It is a case of "undue influence."

Motorman Thrown Forty Feet.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5.—A collision between a Chicago and Northwestern engine and a street car at Dace street resulted in the serious injury of John McLeod, motorman, who was thrown forty feet. Passengers had miraculous escapes, but sustained only slight injuries.

State Representative-Elect Dead.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—John R. Musick, representative-elect from Nuckolls county in the legislature which convenes tomorrow, died Saturday evening at his home near Nelson, of paralysis of the heart. He was a veteran of the civil war, 62 years old.

COAL AT COST

Municipality of Detroit Going Into the Business.

\$50,000 TO SPEND

Bids Called to Supply Amounts Up to 10,000 Tons.

Detroit, Jan. 5.—The city of Detroit is going into the coal business and will supply people with coal at cost prices. The mayor today approved the resolution adopted by the common council appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase of coal to be sold by the municipality.

Advertisements will be printed this afternoon calling for bids on coal in lots up to 10,000 tons.

VICTIMS OF THE TOY PISTOL

Thirteen Dead at Norfolk, Va., and One Dead and Two Dying at Louisville, Ky.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5.—Four more deaths were added Saturday to the long list of fatalities growing out of lockjaw produced by burns received from toy pistols on Christmas. This brings the total up to thirteen deaths, and there are at least two cases which will result fatally. One who died Saturday was George Spencer, a seaman in the navy, 25 years old. The others are: John N. Turner, 9 years old; Lynn Walker, 5; Leonard Drungold, 8. Nine had died previously.

Louisville, Jan. 5.—Will Weiss, 11 years of age, is dead, and Henry Boyle, 11 years, and Will O'Neil, 13 years, are dying in this city of lockjaw caused by shooting themselves in the hand in firing toy pistols on Christmas.

LEWIS SWATHWOOD IS HEARD FROM BY FAMILY

It turns out, happily, that the stranger found dead in the streets of Joliet is not Lewis A. Swathwood, of this city, whose relatives feared it might be him because of their not having a letter from him for weeks. Yesterday the long waited for letter came. It was written at St. Louis, where the young man had been ill for some time.

BISHOP NINDE'S WIDOW DIES OF BRONCHITIS

Detroit, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth Falley Ninde, widow of the late Methodist Bishop Ninde, died here today of bronchitis.

Case of Judge Rasch.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 5.—Judge Rasch, of the circuit court, met the local bar association and explained his connection with the scandal in his court. He is charged with attempting to collect money in return for appointments at his command. The judge said that after having selected a man for probate commissioner and another for bailiff that he asked the former to pay him \$750 and the latter \$200, which money was to be their share of campaign expenses. One of the men paid, but later had his money returned. A committee representing the bar was selected to investigate the whole matter.

Vincennes Rascal Captured in Texas.

Vincennes, Ind., Jan. 5.—John Selby, the fugitive from Vincennes charged with forgery who recently escaped from Monnett, Mo. officers, has been captured and is in jail at Bastrop, Tex. His alleged forgeries aggregate \$50,000. Superintendent of Police Dunn has left to bring Selby back for trial.

Little Boy Burned to Death.

Waukegan, Ill., Jan. 5.—The 5-year-old child of Mr. Stanezin, of North Chicago, was burned to death here in a coal oil explosion. The little one was playing near the kerosene can and, it is supposed, lit a match, which ignited the explosive.

Barracks Destroyed by Fire.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 5.—The fine barracks at Fort Brady, which were built in 1892, were completely destroyed by fire early Saturday. Loss, \$80,000.

Anti-Saloon League Meeting.

Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—Rev. Baker, chairman of the headquarters committee of the American Anti-Saloon League, has called a meeting of the committee to meet in Washington on Jan. 15.

Had Money and Is Missing.

Prentice, Wis., Jan. 5.—Charles Yort, a farmer living three miles north of this village, disappeared Christmas, and nothing has been heard or seen of him since. Christmas day Yort received \$700 from some of his relatives. When last seen he was on the streets intoxicated.